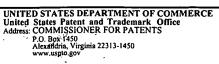




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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CI		•			
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered	because:				
(a) ⊠ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);					
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);					
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NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.					
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reje	ection(s):				
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) woul canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	d be allowable if submitted in a	separate, timely filed a	amendment		
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7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims v			nd an		
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows	;;				
Claim(s) allowed:					
Claim(s) objected to:					
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Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:					
8. The drawing correction filed on is a) ap	proved or b) disapproved by	the Examiner			
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statem					
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: the proposed amendment to independent claims 1, 10 and 14, the amended limitation "parametric index using attributes to reference a subset of elements where said categorical attributes are qualitative parameters", have changed the scope of the claims that require further search and consideration.